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be their arbiters in such contests—much below the conduct of any gentleman, much less an officer in the army.”

The entry of June 23rd says nothing about the watch. On the 24th the writer says: “Capt. Morgan called —— to an account about Mr. Banfield’s watch which he received from the Indians. By them stolen the first night that we crossed the —— . He has had it in possession ever since, and not being willing to part with it, rather claiming to keep it. After being choked a little delivered it up without further trouble.”

The last entry is dated Wednesday, 10th July.

JOSEPH A. WADDELL.

*Staunton, Va., June 18, 1901.*

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**Papers Relating to the Administration of Governor  
Nicholson and to the Founding of William  
and Mary College.**

(CONTINUED.)

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A MODEST REPLY TO MR. COMMISSARY BLAIR’S ANSWER TO  
MY REASONS FOR QUITTING YE COLLEGE. P[ER] MUNGO  
INGLES.

(CONCLUDED.)

I know no obligation I owe to Mr. Blair on y<sup>t</sup> Score unless he means ye twenty pounds Sterling he Cheated me of at y<sup>t</sup> time for he had positive Instructions from ye Generall Assembly to advance fifty pounds Sterling for ye Incouragement of a Master to Come Over and he Defrauded me of 20 pounds of it by a Distinction w<sup>th</sup> he pretended in his Instructions about a Master w<sup>th</sup> a Wife & family, Whereas his Instructions w<sup>th</sup> I have since Seen were positive for fifty pounds w<sup>th</sup>ot Distinction. But he had a certain Occasion for y<sup>t</sup> 20 pounds & so much good may it do him. Besides Suppose I had owed him any obligation on y<sup>t</sup> account I have over and above Ballanced accot. with him by ye Perpetuation I have given to ye School by w<sup>th</sup> Means he

has Rec'd his yearly Sallary as president of ye College for these ten years past tho it is no more but a Gramar School.

He adds & I hope yo' Exc'l'y will observe y' in all y' Invective there is not one Sillable of my ever having been Uneasy to him & I hope his Exc'l'y (if ever y' comes to his hands) will Observe y' it is very unphilosophical to Infer y' I cannot Say anything on y' Head. Because I do nott say ye Least Syllable of it, for now Mr. Blair has given ye Challenge, I will give a few of many Instances Wherein he has Made me very uneasy; as first I never proposed anything at ye meeting of ye Trustees & Gov<sup>r</sup> of y' College, but he allways Opposed & y' for no other Reason but only Because it was proposed by me, as for Instance when I pleaded for some Consideration & allowance for ye hundred & fifty pounds Sterling w<sup>th</sup> I Saved to ye College by my undergoing ye whole Burden of ye School w<sup>thout</sup> ye assistance of an usher for ye first Three Years. Tho it was my agreem't to have two ushers if there was Occasion & he had provided one before I agreed w<sup>th</sup> him, but he Dyed at Cowes & He that was to Succeed him Marryed a Wife here in ye Country & Could not come, so y' ye whole Trouble of Teaching Lay all ye while upon me & I had as many forms during that Time & consequently as much Trouble as Since when I had ye assistance of an usher, now Mr. Blair both in private & in publick was ag<sup>t</sup> my having any Consideration for my Constant threshing.

Tho at ye same time he had ye conscience to Demand & Take his whole Sallary for doing Nothing, but ye greater part of ye Trustees being more just y'n he, allowed me one Third of ye Same y't I saved y'm. I would be Sorry to tell of his opposing my having a chamber at ye School & of his Backwardness to get it fitted up, notwithstanding ye care of it was Recomend<sup>d</sup> to him & Mr. Fouace, & unless I had stir'd in it myself & provided both Laths, Lime, hair & a plasterer, I had gone w<sup>tho't</sup> it notwithstanding ye order of ye College for it, & when I had provided all these things & had advanced Most of ye money for y'm it was not without a great deale of trouble y't I could get him in ye humour either to Reimburse me or pay ye Rest of ye charges, & when I was got into my Chamber at ye School & prayed for ye use of ye porch Chamber for my Servant to Ly in & to put my things out of ye way, y't my Chamber might

not be pestered w<sup>th</sup> y<sup>m</sup>, he Crowded a Mechanick into it tho he told me in England y<sup>t</sup> I & each of ye Masters should have each of us a whole house & Garden to ourselves. I shall add but one or two Instances more. The first was his oposing me at one of ye Meetings of ye College when I petitioned for ye Turning out of a Scandelous Fellow y<sup>t</sup> was my usher, he & Mr. Fouace, tho they were not Ignorant of ye Scandall, opposed it Tooth & Nail & y<sup>t</sup> not so Much out of Kindness to ye Usher as to Oppose & Disoblige me. But I caryed ye Cause in Spite of y<sup>m</sup> both ye other was his harassing me out of My Life for 2 years before he went Last for England about Keeping of ye College Table & his Buzing me in ye ear w<sup>th</sup> ye news of a new Gov<sup>n</sup> at y<sup>e</sup> time. I Can tell you Says he to whom ye Govenm<sup>t</sup> of Virg<sup>a</sup> has been offered & tho he found me no way fond or Curious to hear his News, he must needs Tell me y<sup>e</sup> it was offered to My L<sup>d</sup> Port-Mare, for he fancied tho falsly & uncharatably, y<sup>e</sup> my aversion to keep ye Table was Influenced by Coll<sup>o</sup> Nicholson, & if he Could but once p<sup>s</sup>wade me y<sup>t</sup> he was to be Removed ('tis no Matter whether it is true or False), he thought he Should Gain ye point, but all y<sup>s</sup> I bore w<sup>th</sup> & put up without saying as he very well Observes, ye Least Syllable of it. Nor had not now neither unless I had been Challenged to Do it, but Suppose he had not been uneasy to me heretofore it Seems he is Resolved to be so for ye future, for in his next words he brands me w<sup>th</sup> Officiousness for professing my Sattisfaction w<sup>th</sup> her Maj<sup>'ty</sup>'s Choice w<sup>th</sup> Relation to ye present Gov<sup>r</sup>, But with y<sup>e</sup> Gentleman's good Leave I had good reasons So to Do, for I foresaw y<sup>e</sup> he would Endeavour (as he has actually Done in 3 Several places of his answer to my Reasons) to give his Exc<sup>'ly</sup> Some Impressions to my prejudice & y<sup>e</sup> Because I was one of ye Late Gov<sup>r</sup>s friends as if none could be a true friend to ye present Gov<sup>r</sup> but they y<sup>e</sup> were enemys to ye Last. I hope y<sup>e</sup> Gent will give us Leave tho we were ag<sup>'st</sup> a Change, yet to be well sattisfyed w<sup>th</sup> it now her Maj<sup>'ty</sup> has made it. The Gov<sup>'rnm</sup><sup>t</sup> here is no Inheritance to any Gov<sup>r</sup> nor are they Gov<sup>r</sup>s any Longer y<sup>n</sup> during her Maj<sup>'ty</sup>s pleasure & as it is ye Duty of all Subjects to live Quietly & peaceably und<sup>r</sup> ye Gov<sup>r</sup>s, So they are to pay ye Same Duty to ye next Successor whenever her Majesty shall think fitt to send one,

& May warrantably without ye Odious Imputation of Officiousness, declare y<sup>r</sup> Satisfaction w<sup>th</sup> her Ma<sup>t</sup>ies Choice, but it Seems it is only for such Tall cedars as himself tho grown from a Shrub to a Cedar under ye Influence of ye Late Gov<sup>r</sup>, to Signify y<sup>r</sup> Satisfaction in & to be under ye Influence of ye new Gov<sup>r</sup>, And yet I fancy I have as great Reason to be concerned for ye wellfare of Virg<sup>a</sup>, & consequently to Declare my Satisfaction in it as himself. I have six children who are all natives of ye place who must participate of ye Sweet or Sower of ye Gov<sup>r</sup>m<sup>t</sup>, when I am Dead & Gone, & he has neither chick nor child. I have twice as many Tythables as he & I pay twice as many pounds as he does shillings towards her Maj<sup>t</sup>ys Quitrents & though he may have More money in England I have a better Virg<sup>a</sup> Estate. Upon all w<sup>ch</sup> accounts I think I may very well profess my Satisfaction in her Maj<sup>t</sup>ies pleasure w<sup>th</sup> Relation to her Gov<sup>r</sup>ers, Especially foreseeing y<sup>t</sup> he would Endeavour (as he has Industiously Done again & again) to possess his Exc<sup>l</sup>y w<sup>th</sup> prejudices to ye Contrary. I am very as to ye Gov<sup>r</sup>nm<sup>t</sup> of ye Country, but I wonder to hear him pretend y<sup>t</sup> I have nothing to object ag<sup>st</sup> him w<sup>th</sup> Respect to y<sup>t</sup> of ye College, when all my Reasons for Laying down my Charge point only y<sup>t</sup> way.

As to my 4th Reason where I declare my Resolution to Live no Longer in So Close a Society (as y<sup>t</sup> of a Collegiate Life w<sup>th</sup> a man y<sup>s</sup> never Long Easy & satisfyed w<sup>th</sup> ye present Gov<sup>r</sup> Instead of answering it he troubles his Exc<sup>l</sup>y w<sup>th</sup> a piece of cant & forgetting y<sup>t</sup> he is writing to a Gov<sup>r</sup> is pleased to Brand my Duty & Observance to Gov<sup>r</sup> w<sup>th</sup> ye Odious Imputations of Obsequiousness & w<sup>th</sup> ye Same Modest Stock of assurance Cloaks his own Uneasiness & Dissatisfaction und<sup>r</sup> Gov<sup>r</sup> w<sup>th</sup> an honest Discharge of Confidence. Well there is no mask y<sup>t</sup> Becomes either Defamation on ye one hand or Innovation on ye other so well as Religion. Nothing y<sup>t</sup> so much conceals Deformity & pretends Beauty. This is y<sup>t</sup> w<sup>ch</sup> Leads ye world in a String & hallous ye Most hellish enterprises. Tis a great Matter to tell a Ly w<sup>th</sup> a grace & to pretend Conscience when we act Strongly ag<sup>st</sup> it from Such a conscience & Such Company, Libera Nos Domine & here I cannot but take notice how y<sup>t</sup> meek Spirited Gent Exasperates things w<sup>th</sup> all ye urging Circumstances y<sup>t</sup> come

w<sup>th</sup>in ye Inovation of Defamation & Mallice for, as if Terences Obsequium were not a bad enough Word he puts in a worse, viz: Assentatio & yet upon second thoughts he Immediately puts it out again & gives it us in Terences own words Either Because it Should not be thought y<sup>t</sup> he Forgot ye phrase or Rather Because it would Discover too much of y<sup>t</sup> Spirit w<sup>th</sup> he had a mind to Cloak & Conceal & yet he cannot (for his heart) hide it. Spite can no more be hid y<sup>n</sup> Love, he very Spitefully & Unjustly Charges me w<sup>th</sup> Being ye aggressor in all these unhappy Differences & y<sup>t</sup> I have Observed no Bounds in my Callumns. I presume he means my Accot. of ye present State of ye College; y<sup>n</sup> a Tènder point I Confess 'tis dangerous meddling with Demetrious. But I Cannot help it if I am become his enemy because I have told ye truth I am sure I have Done it without ye Least Syllable of Callumny & therefore I shall not trouble my head about his forgiving & forgetting for as where there is no Law there is no transgression so where there is no offense there needs no forgiveness & if he think fitt he may keep thinking of it waking & may dream of it sleeping, he concludes ye parragraph w<sup>th</sup> an Repetition of his former Sophism that because I do not Say y<sup>t</sup> I have not been able to Live Comfortable & Easy with him therefore I cannot Say So. But y<sup>t</sup> I have Reply'd to all ready & Must Refer to it.

In his answer to my fifth Reason he says I extremly wrong him in Saying y<sup>t</sup> in one of his affidavits he accuses ye Late Gov & my Schollars w<sup>th</sup> a Murderous Design ag<sup>t</sup> him. Well as I s<sup>d</sup> before Murder will out. In his affidavit he called it only a Bad design & in my fifth Reason I only repeated his own words, but since he is pleased to Speak plain English and Call it here a Murderous Design Because he would have it thought so, I will Leave it to any one to judge whether he does not Lay ye whole Train of his Accusation so as to have it believed to have been Such a Design, for ealse Why So Much Dirt upon ye Late Gov<sup>r</sup>. What else does he mean by these Most Malitious, false & scandalous Insinuations as y<sup>t</sup> ye Late Gov<sup>r</sup> gave the boys Money to buy powder & shott, y<sup>t</sup> he Lent y<sup>m</sup> Six of his own Pistols, y<sup>t</sup> there was Some thing More y<sup>n</sup> Ordinary in ye Matters, y<sup>t</sup> he had Some Suspicion of ye Designs of his Malitious Neighbour & a little after y<sup>t</sup> he had more y<sup>n</sup> a Suspicion of it and y<sup>t</sup> it was God's

Great Mercy y<sup>t</sup> he escaped ye Danger, & Last of all y<sup>t</sup> his Living in the College at y<sup>t</sup> time ye boys having powder & Shott & the Difference between Gov<sup>r</sup> Nicholson & him being Come to y<sup>t</sup> heighth made ye badness of ye Design too probable. Does not all y<sup>s</sup> Imply y<sup>t</sup> he would fain p<sup>s</sup>wade ye Lords Com<sup>r</sup>s for trade & plantations to believe there was such a Design tho he himself Neither Believes it nor says it in plain terms, but on ye Contrary Says he will not Say there was any Design upon his Life is not y<sup>s</sup> to play at fast & loose, is it not a Most Notorious piece of Mockery both of God & Men. He does not believe it himself & yet would have all ye world believe it; ye holy & Reverend Name of God & his Mercy w<sup>th</sup> he has Magnified above all his works must be profaned and prostituted to Serve a Turn offensive. What plea can be allowed for So great an impiety? Will nothing Serve turn but to put Ironies upon Almighty God? Will Nothing Serve but Religion to make a Stalking horse of? & y<sup>t</sup> too upon so frivolous, Trifling & Unnecessary an Occasion. Was it God's great Mercy y<sup>t</sup> he escaped ye Danger When he knew he was in no More Danger y<sup>n</sup> when he sits at his own fireside w<sup>th</sup> his Lady & his friends about him? Upon my Conscience I do not wonder he employs so notorious a Falsehood on ye Lords Comis<sup>r</sup> When even God's great Mercy does not escape his Mockery & here I cannot but Take notice of y<sup>t</sup> in y<sup>t</sup> part of his affidavit he five times mentions their having Shott, Tho They had not nor never dreamt of having ye Least grain of it. But he was Resolved to Insinuate Something of a bad Design & therefore there must be Shott as well as powder, and how ever Incoherent & Contradictory it may be ye very Boys y<sup>t</sup> were to Shoot him Must give him warning & y<sup>t</sup> ye boys Themselves will tell you y<sup>t</sup> they gave no Such warning nor was there any Shott nor he in any Danger.

Ay but he says they had fire arms & they were Gov<sup>r</sup> Nicholson's & here he thinks he has drove ye nail to ye head but every body knows y<sup>t</sup> he y<sup>t</sup> prepares a weapon to comitt a Murder will Doubtless order ye Matter So y<sup>t</sup> he may Deny it to be his, but here are pistols w<sup>th</sup> Gov<sup>r</sup> Nicholson cannot Deny but y<sup>t</sup> they are his own. Whose but Gov<sup>r</sup> Nicholson's pistols are found in ye School just as Mr. Blair would have it? I should extremely wonder if any man (or even Mr. Blair himself) can believe y<sup>t</sup>

anyone would Do So y<sup>t</sup> had a Mind afterwards to Deny ye fact. I Could not pass these things without Taking a little notice of y<sup>m</sup> Since he is pleased to Repeat y<sup>m</sup> & (accordingly to his usuall Confidence) to call y<sup>m</sup> plain Matter of fact & yet they neither had Shott nor gave any warning of it. But he is yet more Dis-sengenious in his answer to my 6th Reason for he neither gives a true Accot. of it nor takes ye Least Notice of ye Stress of it but Taxes me w<sup>th</sup> w<sup>ht</sup> I don't Say & Spends his time in proving w<sup>ht</sup> I don't deny. I do not Say y<sup>t</sup> it will ever be any more y<sup>n</sup> a grammar School while he is president but y<sup>t</sup> I have Lernt by 12 years experience y<sup>t</sup> it will never arrive at any Greater p<sup>r</sup>fection y<sup>n</sup> a Gramar School while he Demands & Takes his Sallary yearly as President while it is only a Gramar School while there Remains No More Money behind y<sup>n</sup> will Barely pay ye Usher & Writing Master & My Self & y<sup>t</sup> there is not anything y<sup>t</sup> had Done ye College more Disservice y<sup>n</sup> his Demanding & Taking his Sallary, which has Rendered ye College so odious y<sup>t</sup> it is Lookt Upon not as it is indeed a Noble & excellent Design, But a trick of Mr. Blair's to enrich himself & for y<sup>t</sup> reason There are but very few y<sup>t</sup> Send y<sup>r</sup> Sons to School. Now of all y<sup>s</sup> he Says not one word nor pretends to Answer my 12 years Observation but Instead of it he Sets up Man of Straw of his own to pelt at & is at a great Deal of pains (as if Liberty & property were at Stake) to prove y<sup>t</sup> he is president & y<sup>t</sup> it was intended y<sup>t</sup> ye foundation Should be more y<sup>n</sup> a Gramar School. Who ever Deny'd y<sup>t</sup> he is president or y<sup>t</sup> it was intended ye foundation should be a College? But ye Question is whether it be a College at present actually erected, founded & established or whether it be only a Titular College & Whether he be any More y<sup>n</sup> a Titular President & Consequently whether he has any more Title to ye president's Sallary y<sup>n</sup> ye popish Titular Bishops have to ye Revenues of ye Respective Bishopricks in ye Greek & protestant Churches, and another very material question is whether his Demanding & Taking his Sallary yearly while there Remains no more Money Behind y<sup>n</sup> will Barely pay ye Usher & Writing Master & My Self is not ye only Impediment why ye College has not hithoto attained its Intended perfection. he may pretend various Impediments in Gen<sup>l</sup> without nameing So much as one in p<sup>r</sup>ticular, but every Body Knows y<sup>t</sup> the president's Demanding & Taking



his Sallary yearly Exhausts ye fund & there is not a farthing Remaining toward ye Sallary of any of ye 3 faculties w<sup>th</sup> he mentions & what Master or tutor will Serve without a Sallary Under a president y<sup>t</sup> has a Sallary witho<sup>t</sup> Serving. I would not be Misunderstood as if I Envy'd him his Sallary if ye Fund would afford it. But if his having it will from year to year prevent ye College from Attaining to its intended p<sup>r</sup>fection for want of Money to pay these & other Masters of Phillosophy & Mathematicks I hope he will bear with My preferring ye publick good of ye College to his private Interest when it comes in Competition w<sup>th</sup> y<sup>t</sup> of ye College. And here I must Retort Mr. Blair's Advice upon himself y<sup>t</sup> it would be much more comendable in him to Think of helping it to what it wants y<sup>a</sup> to Destroy wh<sup>t</sup> it has & Especially Mr. President is Inexcusable in y<sup>s</sup> Respect, who has all along been duly paid his Sallary when ever any of us Rec'd ours, and for ye Most part had both it & ye Use of ye Rest in his own hands having for several years been Receiver & Keeper of ye College Cash.

He concludes w<sup>th</sup> a Repetition of my Resolution to quit ye College & my hoping y<sup>t</sup> it Shall not be in ye power of any p<sup>r</sup>son to possess his Exc<sup>'l</sup>y w<sup>th</sup> prejudice ag<sup>t</sup> me Upon y<sup>s</sup> Acco<sup>t</sup>, but he has forgot (as indeed he has done all along) y<sup>t</sup> he promised to proceed in his answer w<sup>th</sup> a Spirit of Meekness & does what he Can to Misrepresent both me & my Reasons to his Exc<sup>'l</sup>y. If y<sup>s</sup> be his Meekness his Mercy is Cruelty. Nothing less y<sup>a</sup> ye exposing me to his Exc<sup>'l</sup>y's Displeasure will serve his Turn; it is not without Reason Says he y<sup>t</sup> he so Carefully bespeaks his Exc<sup>'l</sup>y's Good Opinion of him. I am Much of his Mind y<sup>t</sup> I had good Reason So to Do. I fore Saw what is Come to pass. I Knew Mr. Blair Could not forbear his Insinuations & Surmises and y<sup>t</sup> he would aggravate My Leaving ye College to ye highest degree & would Load me w<sup>th</sup> all ye Callumnys y<sup>t</sup> Mallice Could Invent. Without all peradventure Mr. Blair Knows y<sup>t</sup> I neither Writ to ye parents & Guardians of my Schollars to Call y<sup>m</sup> home when The Quarter Should be up nor Signified y<sup>m</sup> my Intention of Quitting ye College because of ye News of his Exc<sup>'l</sup>y's being on his Voyage, & yet he Malitiously accuses me of both. as for ye first My Letter to Mr. Benj<sup>n</sup> Harrison w<sup>th</sup> is a true exact Copy of ye Rest & w<sup>th</sup> I find Mr. Blair has both Seen &

Read will make it appear y<sup>t</sup> I did not Write the Least Syllable of Sending for ye Children home, & yet he Confidently affirms y<sup>t</sup> I did, & far less did I signify my Intention of Quitting ye College for ye Reason w<sup>th</sup> he Malliciously Insinuates. But because of ye news of Mr. Blair's Being on his Voyage, Never was any thing more Rediculously & Nonsensically forged for w<sup>th</sup> is Most probable y<sup>t</sup> I Should quitt ye College upon his Ex<sup>t</sup>'l'y's acco<sup>t</sup> Who had never wronged neither ye College, My School nor myself, or on Mr. Blair's acco<sup>t</sup>, Who has as I have already Instanced Many Ways Injured & Disobliged Both ye College, ye School & Me & has all along turned ye Noble Design of ye College into a Cloak & a Crutch to Carry on his By-ends, & if he Can But have his 150 pounds p. year & Can Carry on his Designs, Cares not whether ye College Sink or Swim. Besides he immediately Subjoins a New Reason of my Quitting w<sup>th</sup> plainly Argues y<sup>t</sup> he neither Lays any Stress on his former Insinuation Nor so much as believes his own Surmise, but puts it on another foot, viz: y<sup>t</sup> in my Letters for England I Confidently Predict ye Ruin of ye College if Gov<sup>r</sup> Nicholson should be removed. Now Every Body Knows y<sup>t</sup> ye Removing of Gov<sup>r</sup> Nicholson & ye Coming of his Exc<sup>t</sup>'l'y Gov<sup>r</sup> Nott are two things, for ye Queen Might a Sent in any other Gov<sup>r</sup> Whom her Maj<sup>ty</sup> thought fitt upon her Calling home of Gov<sup>r</sup> Nicholson. I am sure his Exc<sup>t</sup>'l'y our present Gover<sup>r</sup> was not so much as heard of here When I writt those Letters for England & therefore it was Ridiculous and Malitious to Insinuate y<sup>t</sup> I quit ye College upon his Exc<sup>t</sup>'l'y's Coming in, but Rather indeed as Mr. Blair now Says, & among other Reasons for Mr. Blair's addressing her Maj<sup>ty</sup> to Remove ye Late Gov<sup>r</sup> Who had Done & Suffered so much for ye College & was always Contriving & proposing ways & Methods to promote its wellfare, I Doubt not his present Exc<sup>t</sup>'l'y will be as forward in Laying on ye Top Stone as Gov<sup>r</sup> Nicholson was in laying ye foundation, but I would have Mr. Blair be Dissabled from Turning out of Gov<sup>r</sup>, & now we have a good one Even in ye Oppinion of Mr. Blair we may keep him & it may not be in Mr. Blair's power to Rob us of him, for what has been May be, & he y<sup>t</sup> will fall out with a Good Gov<sup>r</sup> & Kindly Nursing father & y<sup>t</sup> after thanks to God Allmighty for Restoring him to us again, to Say Nothing of that Infinity of

Obligations he owes to him & ye many noble Characters of him und<sup>r</sup> his own hand, What assurance Can we have but y<sup>t</sup> he will Sometime or Another pick a Quarrel with his present Exc<sup>l</sup>y; he Begins allready to play his pranks & Does what he Can to possess his Exc<sup>l</sup>y with a prejudice Ag<sup>t</sup> Such as he himself has a Spite at, Tho he cannot but know y<sup>t</sup> such Mallitious & Groundless Surmises Must needs be unwellcom to his Exc<sup>l</sup>y, who is Come to heal & not to make or Continue annimossitys.

As to my writing to Some p<sup>sons</sup> of Eminency in the Church Though I had not ye hon<sup>r</sup> of y<sup>t</sup> acquaintance tis Sufficient y<sup>t</sup> ye Late Gov<sup>r</sup> Who was at y<sup>t</sup> time Rector, Laid his Comands upon me to send y<sup>m</sup> an Impartial Acco<sup>t</sup> of ye State of ye College w<sup>h</sup> accordingly I did & Made an appollogy for it in ye Beginning of my Letter.

And now he mentions these Letters I wonder to hear him pretend y<sup>t</sup> he knew nothing of My Intention to quit ye College, When in ye Same Letters & p<sup>t</sup>icularly in one to Mr. Perry so long agoe as upon ye news of Mr. Blair's arrival in England I signified y<sup>t</sup> if he was gone on any such errand as ye turning out of Gov<sup>r</sup> Nicholson I would lay Down my Charge & Leave ye College. But ye Gent I Remember has a Treacherous Memory & will not know any thing but wh<sup>t</sup> he pleases & wh<sup>t</sup> Makes for his Turn.

Hence it is plain y<sup>t</sup> I am So far from Loading him y<sup>t</sup> he most unjustly Loads me & Lays to my Charge a thing y<sup>t</sup> I Know not.

Nor do I involve myself in any contradiction in saying y<sup>t</sup> Mr. Blair designs ye Keeping up of ye College on purpose to enrich himself & yet at ye same time Designs ye breaking of ye School or at least ye Diminishing ye number of ye Schollars pro die et mene, to carry on ye design of a party, for in Contradictory propositions ye one is always true & ye other false but both these are true, or at least may be so & therefore no Contradiction to say so to charge ye falling of ye School to Mr. Blair's indiscreet management.

Thus far I have reply<sup>d</sup> to Mr. Blair's surmises & have endeavoured to wipe of ye paint & fancies from his insinuations. His postscript consists of six interrogatorys w<sup>h</sup> being so many Tautologies I shall make one answer serve for all. That I did not give notice sooner of my intention of Quitting because I did not

hear ye certainty of Mr. Blair's being on his voyage until young Cap<sup>t</sup> Morgan brought it & not because of ye news of his Exc<sup>l</sup>'ys being at sea as he most falsely & maliciously insinuates in three several parts of his answer, as if he meant to talk his Exc<sup>l</sup>'y into a Belief of it or was afraid y<sup>t</sup> his Exc<sup>l</sup>'y should not mind at first or second Telling. He has a wicked Design in it & no way to support it but Malicious & Groundless Surmises.

A True Copy—Involuntary Mistakes of transcription excepted.

SOLOMAN WHATELY.

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LETTERS OF MAJOR-GENERAL WILLIAM PHILLIPS TO COL.  
THEODERICK BLAND, JR.

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(From originals in Collection of Virginia Historical Society.)

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[William Phillips, born 1731, died in Petersburg, Va., May 13, 1781. He entered the English military service in 1746, served at the battle of Minden in 1759, became Colonel in 1772, and a Major-General in 1776. He was second in command to Burgoyne in 1777, and after the capture of the British forces at Saratoga and the return of Burgoyne to England in 1778, the command of the "Convention troops," as the prisoners were styled, devolved on him. He remained at or near Charlottesville, Va., in this capacity until November, 1779, when he was allowed to go to New York on parole, and resided there until exchanged for General Benj. Lincoln in 1780. In March, 1781, he was sent to Virginia in command of 2,000 men, and joining Arnold at Portsmouth assumed command of the combined forces. This army advanced to Petersburg, where Phillips was attacked with fever and died in three days. General Phillips had made his headquarters at Bollingbrook, the residence of the Bolling